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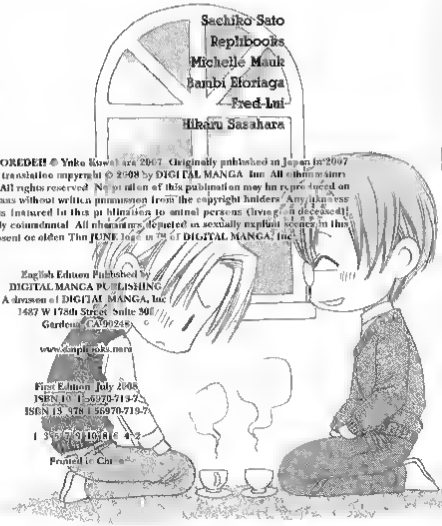

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PART 1 - THE PREDICTION

AS IF TO SET ITSELF APART FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD, SEIKA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL LOOKS DOWN FROM ABOVE
... PERCHED HIGH ATOP A LONELY MOUNTAIN
AN ALL-BOYS' DORMITORY IS ADJACENT TO THE CAMPUS.
THERE ARE THREE DORM BUILDINGS ONE TO ACCOMMODATE EACH STUDENT YEAR LEVEL.
TWO STUDENTS ARE ASSIGNED PER ROOM, AND THE BOYS SPEND THREE YEARS LIVING IN THE SAME BUILDING TOGETHER
ROOMMATES ARE CHANGED ANNUALLY. SELECTED BY A RANDOM DRAWING OF NAMES.
WHISPER WHISPER
YOSHIMI AND THE CHIEF R.A. ARE FINALLY
VICTIM OF UNLUCKY DRAW
102 CHIEF R.A.'S ROOM
DICTIONARY
WHAAA!? NO WAY!
PLAY
?

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I'M FINE - JUST LEAVE ME BE-
WASN'T IT DIFFICULT BRINGING ALL YOUR THINGS DOWN FROM THE THIRD FLOOR TO THE FIRST?
YOU HAVE MORE THINGS, DON'T YOU? WOULD YOU LIKE SOME HELP?
I DON'T BELIEVE IN SUCH A THING BUT -
IT'LL BE NICE ROOMING WITH YOU FOR THE NEXT YEAR.
THANK YOU.
WELCOME -
KCHAK
KYOSUKE YOSHIMI-KUN
THERE'S A STRANGE SAYING - A PREDICTION. IF YOU WILL - IN THIS DORM.
ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THAT "PREDICTION"?
"THE SENIOR STUDENT WHO BECOMES SEIRAN DORMITORY'S CHIEF R.A. ALWAYS ENDS UP ROMANTICALLY PAIRED WITH WHOEVER IS HIS ROOMMATE."
HUH!
BECAUSE OF THAT PREDICTION -
DID YOU WANT TO AVOID BECOMING ROOMMATES WITH ME?

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III-B
HELLO THERE, KIHARA-KUN, EX-ROOMMATE OF MINE...
AND TRUE TO HIS NICKNAME HE CUT DOWN THE "PREDICTION" WITH A SINGLE COLD STRIKE.
I... DON'T BELIEVE IN SUCH NONSENSE
YOU DON'T?
HMM
ALOOF, AS I EXPECTED
HOW'RE YOU GETTING ALONG WITH YOSHIMI-KUN, THAT NEW ROOMIE OF YOURS?
IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE WE HAD THE ROOM CHANGES -
OH, NIKAIDO
HE'S IN CLASS C RIGHT?
BECAUSE OF HIS LOOKS THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF GUYS SECRETLY PINING FOR HIM
THERE IS NO SUCH THING
THERE NEVER WAS.
THIS GUY'S GOT A NICKNAME - "BEAUTIFUL PRINCE OF ICE"
DO YOU KNOW MY OLDER BROTHER? HE WAS A CHIEF R.A. AT SEIRAN, TOO
BUT NO SUCH "PREDICTION" AFFECTED HIM.

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WORRIED?
BUT I SOMETIMES WONDER - JUST BECAUSE THERE ARE ONLY GUYS HERE, DOES IT NECESSARILY MEAN A GUY HAS TO HOOK UP WITH ANOTHER GUY?
I WONDER ABOUT THAT MYSELF...
YOSHIMI...
SO HE'S KAGA-KUN'S TYPE, HUH?
HE'S A JOCK ALL RIGHT - LOOK AT THAT INTENSITY!
OH MY -
BUT THAT CHARMING FACADE IS YOUR SELLING POINT "PRINCE OF WARM SPRING SUNSHINE"
THAT IS A PROBLEMATIC STATEMENT
AFTER THREE YEARS OF THIS CRAPPY SCHOOL, I'VE GROWN A LITTLE TIRED OF THE WHOLE "ELITE STUDENT" ACT
ALL I WANTED WAS A BIT OF EXCITEMENT
THUMP
THERE'VE BEEN A LOT OF RUMORS, TOO - ABOUT ALL THE GUYS WHO CONFESSED THEIR LOVE TO HIM AND GOT TURNED DOWN FLAT
ALL OF THEM MUST BE PRETTY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT "PREDICTION", I'LL BET YOU!
OH!
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...
YEAH, I ADMIT IT - I'M LOW.
I DON'T BELIEVE IN SUCH PROPHESIES, BUT...
...SINCE HE'S THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF THE "LEGENDARY" YOSHIMI SEMPAI I THOUGHT IT'D BE WORTH A TRY.
AND THAT'S WHY YOU RIGGED THE ROOMMATE SELECTION?
YOU'RE LOW -
WHAT DOES HE MEAN TO ME?
WHAT IS IT ABOUT HIM THAT PREOCCUPIES ME?
THAT'S KAGA-KUN, OF THE BASEBALL TEAM.
YOSHIMI-KUN'S BEING PROPOSITIONED AGAIN?
YOUR KAGA-KUN!
THAT YOSHIMI-KUN - HE'S MERCILESS!

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YOU SEE YOSHIM-KUN
DUDUUUN
KAGA-KUN
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GOING ON ABOUT GIVE UP...
...ALREADY BECAME MINE LAST NIGHT
WHA-?
HUH ...?
WHAP
THUD
...!!!
WHA--!
IS THIS REALLY THE "PRINCE OF WARM SPRING SUNSHINE" ?!
HURRAY FOR THE PREDICTION!
DOOOM
THUMP
CHEER UP!
NO.
WHAT? YOU MEAN THE "BEAUTIFUL PRINCE OF ICE" HAS FINALLY FALLEN?
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN KIHARA LOSE HIS TEMPER!
NO WAAAY! WHAT A SHOCK!
THE COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED STATEMENT SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL IN AN INSTANT
"AH, SO THE PREDICTION CAME TRUE AFTER ALL!"

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PART 2 – ITSUKI KAITO
WITH THIS GUY... COULD IT BE I'M -?
JUST AS I THOUGHT – THIS GUY IS BRINGING EXCITEMENT INTO MY LIFE
IF WE JUST PRETEND THAT'S HOW IT IS, GUYS LIKE KAGA KUN MIGHT NOT BOTHER YOU ANYMORE.
WHY DID YOU SAY SUCH A THING – THAT YOU AND I ARE AN ITEM?!
SO EVEN THE "PRINCE OF ICE" CAN BLUSH
IT'S KINDA CUTE
DON'T CALL ME "CUTE"!
WELL, PREDICTION OR NO PREDICTION...
I'M RATHER FOND OF YOU.
WE'VE GOT THE WHOLE YEAR AHEAD OF US – SO I GUESS I'LL JUST LET THE PROPHESY TAKE ITS NATURAL COURSE
WH-
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
AAAH
BUT NOW EVERYONE'S GOING TO LOOK AT ME "THAT WAY"!
I CAN'T STAND IT!
HAHA!
THIS GUY –
DRAWS MY ATTENTION.
POP
AND WHAT KIND OF LOOK IS THAT?
UH...
THAT'S
PART 1 – THE PREDICTION / END

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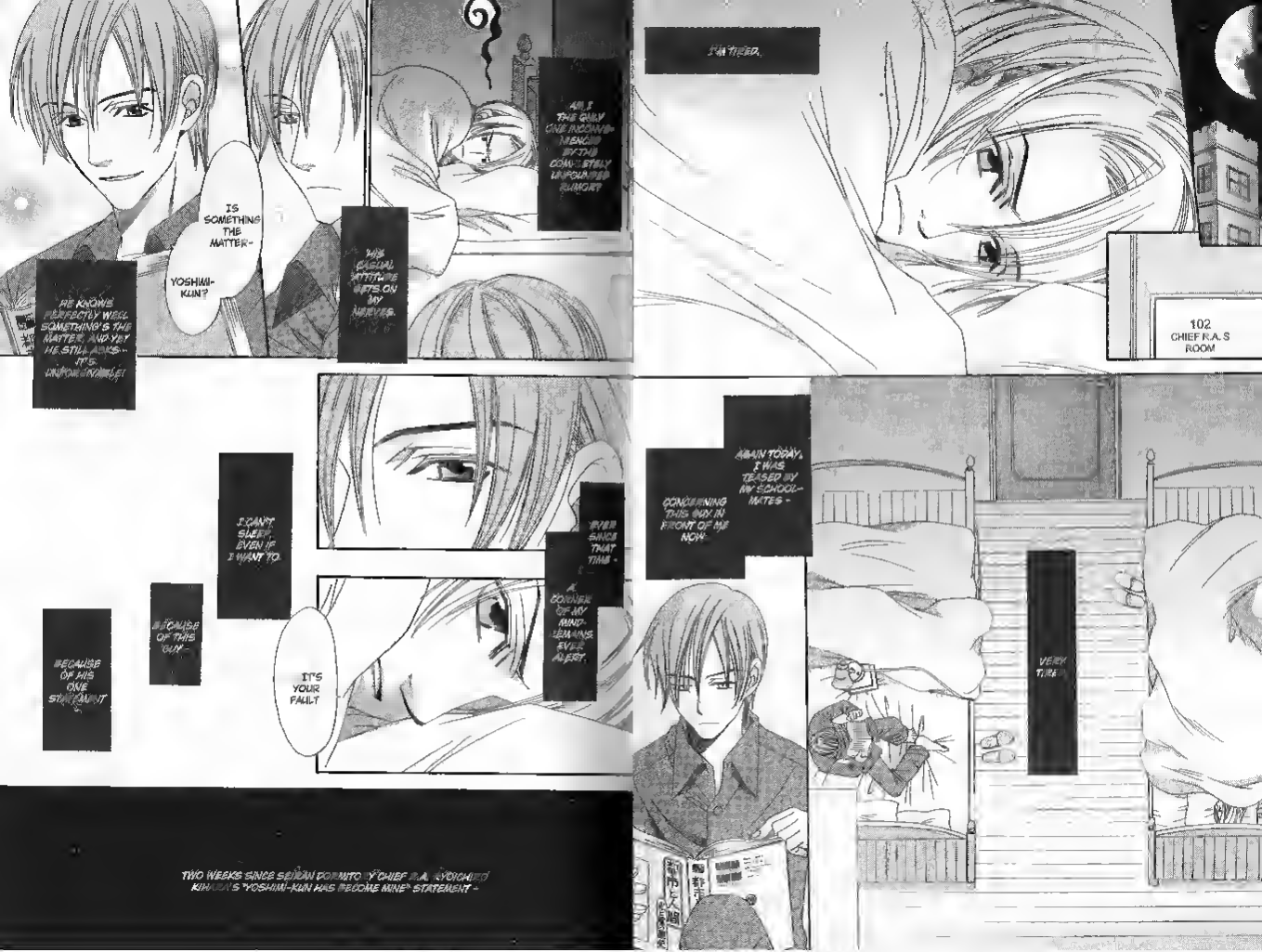
I'M TIRED.
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CHIEF R.A.'S ROOM
AGAIN TODAY, I WAS TEASED BY MY SCHOOL-MATES -
CONCERNING THIS GUY IN FRONT OF ME NOW.
VERY TIRED.
EVER SINCE THAT TIME -
A COUNTER OF MY AND-REMARKS EVER ALERT.
IT'S YOUR FAULT
I CAN'T SLEEP EVEN IF I WANT TO.
BECAUSE OF THIS GUY -
BECAUSE OF HIS ONE STATEMENT -
AH, I THINK ONLY ONE ROOMED MEMBER BY THE COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED RUMOR!?
HIS CASUAL ATTITUDE GETS ON MY NERVES.
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER - YOSHIMI-KUN?
HE KNOWS PERFECTLY WELL SOMETHING'S THE MATTER, AND YET HE STILL ASKS... IT'S UNFORGIVABLE!
TWO WEEKS SINCE SEIRAN DORMITORY CHIEF R.A. YOSHIMI KIHARA'S "YOSHIMI-KUN HAS BECOME MINE" STATEMENT -

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WOBBLE
HUH?
I UNDERSTAND SO PLEASE DON'T GET ANGRY
OKAY
THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN YOU AND KIHARA-KUN, RIGHT?
I'VE HEARD IT FROM YOU A HUNDRED TIMES!
JUHHH! KIDDING YOSHIMI-KUN! IT'S A JOKE!
SIGH
N.
OH, YEAH.
ARE YOU OKAY YOSHIMI-KUN?
WHAT A NICE DAY!
BUT IN CONTRAST -
WHAT?
YOSHIMI'S FORMER ROOMMATE, SUZUKI-KUN
BUT I CAN KIND OF UNDER-STAND - WHY HE CAN'T HOLD BACK HIS LOVE FOR YOU.
IF ONLY KIHARA-KUN WOULD BE MORE TACTFUL FOR YOUR SAKE, YOSHIMI-KUN.
YOSHI-MI-KUN ?!
WHAT'S WRONG ?!
HEY, YOSHIMI-KUN?!
THUD
?!
GASH
DROP
YOSHIMI-KUN!!!
WHSH
UH- OH...
DON'T WORRY, HE'LL SOON SETTLE DOWN.
IT'S JUST THAT, IN THE BEGINNING, WHEN TWO PEOPLE FIRST ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER, THERE'S SO MUCH PASSION -
AND THE FERVOR OF YOUTH MAKES YOU THAT MUCH MORE INSISTENT -
SUZUKI-KUN !!!

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IT'S SO BIG AND WARM -
YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE MY HAND IN IT!
WHAT'S SO BIG, KYO-SUKE?
YOUR HAND BIG BROTHER!
KIHARA ?
CHATTER CHATTER
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE DORMS
PLEASE BEAR IT UNTIL THEN
EVERYONE... EVERYONE'S LOOKING...
I FEEL DIZZY
SOMETHING WAS STRANGE - KIHARA WAS NOT SMILING TODAY
HE WHO IS CALLED THE "PRINCE OF WARM SPRING SUNSHINE"... WAS NOT SMILING
I LOVE YOUR HANDS BIG BROTHER!
I SEE
THEY CAN DO ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING!
THEY CAN CATCH BUGS AND DRAW PICTURES -
AND PAT MY HEAD -
SO BIG!

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THERE'S JUST ONE THING I WANT YOU TO KNOW.
BUT -
TO ME, THAT'S EVEN MORE SURPRISING
YOU - I APOLOGIZE TO ME?
I'M NOT TEASING OR JOKING WITH YOU WHEN I SAY.
I'M GENUINELY INTERESTED IN YOU.
BA-THUMP
INT-
-ERESTED?
I'M...
YOU'RE USUALLY ALWAYS SMILING - BUT SOMEHOW... YOU SEEM SCARY TODAY!
WHY IS THAT ?!
ANGRY WITH MYSELF
AT?
KIHARA!
K-
(CHAK)
I'M THE ONE WHO PUT YOU UNDER SUCH INTENSE STRESS
I THOUGHT YOU WERE MORE OF A TOUGH, COOL-HEADED CHARACTER BUT
YOU'RE ACTUALLY SURPRISINGLY SENSITIVE - ENOUGH THAT STRESS CAN TAKE A PHYSICAL TOLL ON YOU.
I APOLOGIZE

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SOMETHING INSIDE ME IS ABOUT TO OVERFLOW...
I CAN FEEL IT
HOW STRANGE THE HAUGHTY AND COLD "PRINCE OF ICE"...
...IS LOOKING CUTER TO ME BY THE DAY - WHAT TO DO?
I CAN'T...
I CAN'T HANDLE BEING TOLD SOMETHING LIKE THAT !!!
B-B-THUMPA-
THUMPA-
THUMPA-
THUMPA-
THUMPA-
THUMPA-
THUMPA-
THUMPA-
THUMPA-
THUMPA-
THUNK
WELL, I'M OFF TO THE CAFETERIA
WHAT THE HECK.
...DOES THAT MEAN...?
MY HEART ROCK... TOUCH...
...THAT HAND MEAN -
...KILL HIS SKIN AGAIN -
PART 2 – FEVER HEAT // END
YOU SEE, THESE PAST TWO WEEKS -
...WHETHER YOU HATE ME OR IGNORE ME.
SO I'LL PROBABLY CONTINUE PURSUING YOU IN THE FUTURE...
MY PERSONALITY IS SUCH THAT I CAN'T HELP PURSUING WHAT INTERESTS ME
MY FONDNESS FOR YOU HAS GROWN EVEN STRONGER
...!!!

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PART 3 - RING

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WHAT IS THIS EMOTION I'M FEELING?
KYOSUKE?
BUT -
THEN -
KCHAH
KYOSUKE? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I DON'T KNOW - WHAT TO DO
WHAT SHOULD I DO ?
BIG BRO-THER.
I-
"THE CHIEF R.A. ALWAYS ENDS UP ROMANTICALLY PAIRED WITH WHOEVER IS HIS ROOMMATE."
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
MY BROTHER WAS ONLY THE CHIEF R.A. ONCE... IF HE DOESN'T KNOW -
BECAUSE MY BROTHER, HE -
-BUT-

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IT'S LIKE WE'RE BOTH SELF CONSCIOUS AROUND EACH OTHER
STRAINED ?
"HM"
IT'S RATHER STRAINED
NIKAIDO -
WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD DO?
WAIT - SO DOES THIS MEAN -?
NIKAIDO?
DOES THIS MEAN ?!
SERIOUSLY?!
HE'S EVEN BLUSHING?! COME ON!
FLUTTER
THUD
HE HAD COLLAPSED AND WASN'T FEELING WELL -
IT WAS JUST MY DUTY AS HIS ROOM-MATE!
"DUTY"?
WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?
YOU SEEM TO HAVE MADE QUITE A SPECTACLE.
I HEAR YOU CARRIED YOSHIMI-KUN PRINCESS-STYLE ACROSS CAMPUS?
A
OH, NOTHING -
IT'S JUST THAT I HAPPEN TO KNOW FIRST-HAND -
-THAT THE "PRINCE OF WARM SPRING SUNSHINE" IS NOT ACTUALLY AS KIND HEARTED AS HIS SMILE WOULD HAVE PEOPLE BELIEVE
-SO
HOW'S IT ACTUALLY GOING?
WITH YOSHIMI-KUN?

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JUMP!
ARE YOU STILL FEELING ILL, YOSHIMI?
CREAK
CAN WE TALK A BIT...
YOSHIMI?
!?
OH, UH - NO I'M FINE DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF
I WASN'T ABLE TO SPEAK WITH HIM PROPERLY YESTERDAY
HE SAID HE'D CALL ME BACK, BUT .
MAYBE I SHOULD TALK TO MY BROTHER ABOUT KIHARA...

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YOU ALWAYS BARGE YOUR WAY INTO MY LIFE WITH NO APOLOGY -
AND MESS EVERY-THING UP!
EVEN WHEN YOU KNOW I DON'T LIKE IT!
I DON'T UNDER-STAND ALL THIS ...!
YOSHIMI-KUN
I DON'T LIKE THIS!
I - !
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT TWO GUYS HAVING A RELATIONSHIP TOGETHER, EITHER!
THAT'S WHY I -!
I DON'T BELIEVE IN ANY "PREDICTION"!
BUT I AM ON YOUR MIND RIGHT?
I DON'T LIKE YOU!!

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WHAT'S WRONG?
A FEVER?
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?
BA-THUMP
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MY HEAD
IT HURTS
CHIRP CHIRP
I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS SO PAINFULLY CONSCIOUS OF THIS GUY SLEEPING IN THE BED NEXT TO ME THAT I COULDN'T SLEEP A WINK.
GOOD MORNING, YOSHIMI-KUN
YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT WAKING UP AND GETTING READY SOON
YOU'LL BE LATE
JOLT!
TELLING ME THAT HE'S FOND OF ME AND I'M CUTE
ALL JUST TO CONFUSE ME -
DON'T MIND ME!
AND YET IN THE NEXT INSTANT HE ACTS PERFECTLY NORMAL AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED!

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...ABOUT HIS ROOMMATE, ACTUALLY
-WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THEM?
TEACH - I WANNA ASK ABOUT MY LITTLE BRO.
HM?
YOU COULD'VE CALLED FIRST
YOSHIMI
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE SO SUDDENLY, AT THIS HOUR?
401
HINO
NOW
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE LOOKING BETTER THAN I THOUGHT
POOR THING
YOU'VE LOST WEIGHT
"WHAT HAPPENED?"
"WELL, THERE'S A RUMOR GOING ON AROUND SCHOOL, THAT THE "REDITION" HAS COME TRUE AND KYOSUKE-KUN HAS GOTTEN TOGETHER ROMANTICALLY WITH KIHARA, HIS ROOMMATE."
KIHARA-KUN
I'LL PROTECT YOU
BIG BROTHER?
BUT DON'T WORRY- EVERY-THING'S ALL RIGHT NOW

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BUT A LOT HAPPENED DURING THAT MONTH, DIDN'T IT?
I'M SURE ONCE HE GETS USED TO IT -
IT'S ONLY BEEN A MONTH SINCE WE BECAME ROOMMATES!
I THINK IT'S BETTER THAT HE GETS A DIFFERENT ROOMMATE, RATHER THAN CONTINUE TO STRAIN HIMSELF IN THE CURRENT SITUATION
SOME PEOPLE JUST DON'T GET ALONG
INFIRMARY
YOU'RE ASKING ME TO PUT YOSHIMI-KUN WITH A DIFFERENT ROOMMATE?
I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU
DOC HINO SAYS HE HAS SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT, SO HE'D LIKE YOU TO COME DOWN TO THE INFIRMARY.
I PROMISED...
...TO PROTECT YOU FROM ANYTHING THAT TROUBLES OR PAINS YOU.
YES, I PROMISED.
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOSHIMI-KUN SEEMS TO GIVE OFF THE IMPRESSION THAT HE'S A COLD, TOUGH PERSON BUT...
SET HIM FREE
I'M SAYING THIS TO YOU AS A PHYSICIAN
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT, HAVING LIVED WITH HIM FOR A MONTH
—IN REALITY HE'S QUITE SENSITIVE AND NAIVE.
...WHY?
EVER SINCE YOSHIMI-KUN BECAME YOUR ROOMMATE,
—HIS PHYSICAL HEALTH HAS SUFFERED
STRESS IS CLEARLY GETTING TO HIM.

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BIG BROTHER... HE TOOK THE DAY OFF FROM COLLEGE JUST TO COME HELP ME MOVE...
I'M SURE IT'S PARTLY BECAUSE I CALLED HIM ABOUT SUCH A WEIRD THING, BUT HE'S SUCH A WORRIER...!
KYOSUKE, IS IT OKAY IF I TAKE THESE UP?
YEAH - WATCH YOURSELF THEY'RE HEAVY
I'M SURE THIS IS ALL FOR THE BEST...
KIHARA
WELL, KIHARA -
I'LL BE LEAVING NOW...
THE TIMING -- IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE MERE COINCIDENCE
IT CAN'T BE -
I'LL PROTECT YOU!
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME TO DO THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
DID SOMEONE SAY SOMETHING TO -
PUT YOSHIMI-KUN IN THERE
THERE SHOULD BE AN EMPTY ROOM. UP IN THE CORNER OF THE SECOND FLOOR
DIDN'T HE GET TOGETHER WITH THE CHIEF R.A.?
WAS SO SUDDENLY?
YOSHIMI-KUN IS CHANGING ROOMS?
DID THEY FIGHT OR SOMETHING?

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IT WAS ONLY A SHORT WHILE BUT -
YOU'RE RELIEVED, AREN'T YOU?
- TO NO LONGER BE MY ROOMMATE
MY BIG BROTHER COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN ANYTHING THAT WAS GOING ON BETWEEN YOU AND ME!
DON'T TALK BAD ABOUT MY BROTHER!
I WON'T ALLOW IT - NOT EVEN FROM YOU!
YOU TWO SEEM PRETTY CLOSE -
COULD IT BE YOU TWO SHARE "MORE" THAN "BROTHERLY LOVE"...?
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING AB-
"USED"?
CLATTER
KIHA-
I BOGGED YOUR BIG BROTHER, HUH? AND EVEN USED HINO TOO
YOU MUST HAVE WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM ME PRETTY BADLY.
YOSHIMI-SEMPAI SURE USES SOME UNDERHANDED TACTICS
AND TO THINK I ACTUALLY ADMIRED HIM, BEING A "LEGEND" AND ALL
I'M DISAPPOINTED
GLARE
!!!

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AND THUS, THE CURTAIN CLOSES ON OUR MONTH-LONG STINT AS ROOMMATES.

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PART 5 – THINKING OF YOU

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I FOUND MYSELF - WANTING TO SPEAK TO HIM
UH... UM... UH
TURN
OH - WAIT - KIHARA!
IT'S BEEN A WEEK NOW SINCE YOU MOVED OUT OF MY ROOM.
FEELING BETTER -
NOW THAT YOU'VE GOTTEN AWAY FROM THE SOURCE OF ALL YOUR STRESS?
OH - Y, YES.
I'M SLEEPING WELL AT NIGHT NOW
AND MY APPETITE IS BACK.
WELL -
ISN'T THAT NICE
217
ROOM 217 -
#BEGINNING ROLL CALL -
HERE
HERE!
ROOM 216 - FUJITA-KUN, HIGASHIYAMA-KUN
SINCE THEN -
HERE -
YOSHIMI KUN.
2
I FOUND MYSELF WISHING HE'D SMILE AT ME ONCE AGAIN LIKE HE USED TO.
AND I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT -
I SENSED THAT KIHARA'S GAZE TOWARD ME HAD GROWN COLDER

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THE ALWAYS CHEERFUL CHIEF R.A SEEMS SCARY LATELY
SO THOSE TWO BROKE UP AFTER ALL?
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I CAN TELL YOU WHAT THAT IS -
IT'S PINING!
I MEAN, YOUR HEART ACHES AND YOU CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT THINKING OF KIHARA-KUN, RIGHT?
SUZUKI-KUN!
THAT'S NOT POSSIB-
THAT'S EXACTLY LIKE PINING FOR SOMEONE YOU LOVE!
-MMM THIS CAKE FROM MOMMY TASTES SO GOOD
MRRGH!
-!!!
SO THOSE CIRCLES UNDER YOUR EYES -
I SUPPOSE THEY'RE JUST MY IMAGINATION
WHAT AM I DOING...?
ALL I WANT IS FOR US TO BE LIKE WE WERE BEFORE -
BUT NOTHING WORKS.
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SLAM!

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WHA-HUH?!
Y-YOSHIM-I?!
KAGA-KUN.
KCHAK
TO BE HONEST, I'M HOPING YOU AND KHARA-KUN WILL HURRY UP AND GET TOGETHER.
IF YOU DON'T, HE'LL NEVER -
UGH!
OH MAN, I CAN'T BELIEVE I FORGOT MY WALLET!
WHAT DOES IT MATTER?
WHA-?!
BUT IT'S, NOT NORMAL!
I KNOW LOTS OF OTHER GUYS WHO ARE COUPLES AT THIS SCHOOL
FACE IT - YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH KIHARA-KUN!
DON'T BE STUPID!
I'M A GUY - AND SO IS HE!
THERE'S JUST NO WAY!
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT "PREDICTION" IN THE FIRST PLACE!
SUZUKI-KUN!
OF COURSE.
THIS IS MY ROOM, TOO
SUZUKI - YOU'RE HOME?
THEN I'LL JUST STEP OUTSIDE.
KEEP COOL.
THUMP
GOOD TIMING!
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO TALK TO YOU AGAIN!
HUH?
HEY, YOSHIM-KUN...
DO YOU REALLY THINK THERE ARE RULES FOR FALLING IN LOVE?

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I WAS UPSET THAT HE HADN'T BELIEVED IN ME.
WHEN HE SPOKE TO ME THAT WAY—
BUT—
BECAUSE, I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT HAPPENED...
ARE YOU WANT TO GET AWAY FROM ME SO BADLY YOU HAD TO ASK YOUR BIG BROTHER FOR HELP?
COULD IT BE YOU TWO SHARE "MORE THAN BROTHERLY LOVE"...?
IT— MADE ME SAD
THAT'S RIGHT—
I'VE JUST BEEN RUNNING AWAY.
YOSHIMI ?!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
I GUESS THE "SPRING SUNSHINE" MELTED THE "ICE"
IT IRKS ME BUT I CAN SEE THERE IS NO ROOM FOR ME IN YOUR HEART
BEING WITH THE CHIEF R.A. MUST HAVE CHANGED YOU.
KIHARA CHANGED ME. ?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND MY OWN FEELINGS MYSELF
I DON'T KNOW HIS, EITHER... AT ALL.
HM?
WELL, I MEAN... I LOVE WHO I LOVE, YOU KNOW— I CAN'T HELP IT
AND JUST DENYING THAT FEELING IS PAINFUL
NOTHING CONSTRUCTIVE CAN COME FROM THAT SO,
HEY WHAT THE— YOSHIMI?!
"DO YOU REALLY THINK THERE ARE RULES FOR FALLING IN LOVE?"
KAGA KUN, YOU SAY YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME BUT...
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S UNNATURAL WHEN WE'RE BOTH GUYS?

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AND YOU'RE WILLING TO LET ME GO JUST LIKE THAT?!
COWARD!
HUH?!
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE CALLED THAT BY YOU?!
YOU WENT SO FAR AS TO BECOME PHYSICALLY ILL JUST FROM BEING WITH ME!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO REJECTED ME!
WHAT THE HECK?!
IF YOU REALLY LOVE ME
THEN AT LEAST HAVE THE WILL AND FORTITUDE TO CATCH ME!
I-
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT COMING FROM YOU!!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WAS WILLING TO LET ME GO SO EASILY!
YOU'RE HURTING ME!
LET GO KIHARA.
I-
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK TO YOU AB-
JUST NOW-
I SAW YOU COMING OUT OF KAGA-KUN'S ROOM.
YOU TWO SEEMED MIGHTY FRIENDLY.
MUSHU
YOU GIVE OFF THIS VIRTUOUS INNOCENT IMAGE, BUT UNDERNEATH IT, YOU'RE AN EXPERT AT SEDUCTION?
DOES KAGA-KUN TREAT YOU MORE KINDLY THAN I DO?
WHAD
LET GO OF ME!!!

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ZOOM IN
HELLO -
I'M KIHARA'S FRIEND NIKAIDO.
NIKAIDO
WHAT'S UP?
UHH -
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU
CLATTER
SORRY NIKAIDO!
HUH?
217
IN OTHER WORDS FROM OUT OF YOSHIMI-KUN'S ROOM!
THEY SEEM TO HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT LATELY, BUT COULD IT BE THAT THOSE TWO - ?!
THOSE TWO HAVE FINALLY - ?!
I WANT TO KNOW!
うぉおおおお
WHOAAAAA -
YOU SEE I SAW IT THE OTHER DAY -
ACTUALLY IT WAS NIGHT AND KIHARA-KUN WAS COMING OUT OF ROOM 217
IS IT URGENT?
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US?
HUUHH ?!
I PROMISED YOSHIMI I'D GO DOWN TO THE CAFETERIA WITH HIM
I'VE GOTTA GO
UMM -
KIHARA-KUN?

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I KNOW I ENCOURAGED YOSHIMI LAST TIME WHEN HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH KIHARA, BUT...
...WHEN THEY ACTUALLY GET TOGETHER LIKE THIS -!
I GUESS I MUST STILL BE IN LOVE WITH YOSHIMI...
HIC
DON'T CRY.
IT'S SO PATHETIC, KAGA-KUN.
BUT!
GENTLE... AND SOFT... AND WARM...
...IT WAS AS IF I'D TAKEN IN WITH MY ENTIRE BEING THE FRESH NECTAR OF A BEAUTIFUL FLOWER I'D NEVER SEEN BEFORE... SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
THEY DID IT!!!
WHAT DID IT FEEL LIKE ?
"FEEL LIKE" ...?
YOWZA
SUZUKI-KUN COULD YOU CUT THAT OUT ?
HE SAID THEY DID IT!
GLOW
SO THOSE TWO HAVE ALREADY SLEPT TOGETHER...
I NEVER REALIZED
YOU SEEM VERY FULFILLED HAHAHA
DON'T MAKE ME SAY THE THINGS SO EMBARRASSING!
I WONDER IF THAT MEANS THEY SNEAK INTO EACH OTHER'S ROOM AT NIGHT?
THOSE TWO ARE IN DIFFERENT ROOMS NOW
WHERE THEY SUDDENLY DING IT IN THE A*TIME ?
SNIFF
COULD IT BE YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH KIHARA-KUN?
SHIVER
YUCK!
NOT A CHANCE!
HIGH HEELS PUMPS!
SUBTLE YET INSULTING
I DON'T HAVE ANY PREJUDICES ABOUT TWO DUDES DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT
SO I WONDER WHY IT'S STILL SUCH A SHOCK?
IT'S STILL A SHOCK.
URRRGH
SNIFFLE
SOB
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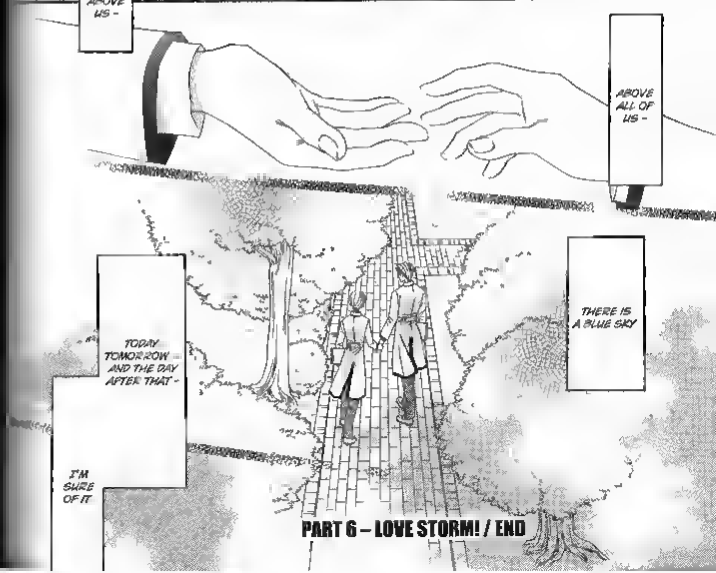
I SEEM TO RECALL THE STORY BEING ABOUT NIKAIDO SUPPOSEDLY RESEMBLING A DOG! THIS BOY HAD OWNED IN THE PAST OR SOMETHING!
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO COZY UP TO NIKAIDO
HE'S A TRANSFER STUDENT! A CHARACTER THAT NEVER APPEARED

★ BLUE SKY ★



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SEIRAN DAYS

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YOU'RE NEW HERE, AREN'T YOU? JUST CAME IN THIS YEAR?
THERE, ALL DONE
YES
I'M HINO NICE TO MEET YOU
HUH?
I MEAN, WHAT'S YOUR FIRST NAME?
HINO WHAT?
IT'S HAJIME
HUH.
STARE
?
ON CAMPUS, HE WAS EVEN CALLED THE "PARAGON PRINCE."
AND THE OTHER BOYS SEEMED TO KEEP THEIR DISTANCE FROM HIM
SHUNICHI YOSHIMI
AND THE CHIEF R.A. OF SEIEN IN ONE OF THE DORM BUILDINGS
A SENIOR AT THE ALL-BOYS' DORM-RESIDENT SCHOOL, SEIEN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL
IN A SCHOOL WHERE CULTURED DOCILE STUDENTS WERE THE NORM, HE STOOD OUT FROM THE CROWD WITH HIS WILD BAD-BOY IMAGE.
INFIRMARY
CLANK
GRUMP
HUH? IS THERE SUCH A TROUBLEMAKER IN THIS LITTLE-RICH BOY SCHOOL?
SO I GAVE HIM WHAT HE CAME FOR.
SOME DUDE FROM THE CLASS NEXT DOOR PICKED A FIGHT WITH ME.
YOU'RE THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN, AREN'T YOU? HURRY UP AND TREAT ME!
O OH— RIGHT THEN HAVE A SEAT

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH
TEACHER
DON'T PANIC OVER SUCH A SMALL WOUND.
YOU COULD'VE JUST LICKED IT AND IT WOULD'VE HEALED ITSELF.
STICK
YOSHIM'S SMILE WAS SURPRISING
WITH A HINT OF CHILDISHNESS.
THANKS FOR THE PATCH-UP
NICE JOB
SHUK
IS IT THAT COMFORTABLE HERE?
YUP.
IT'S THE BEST
I AM!
HOW COULD YOU FORGET?
HUH?
OH, YOU'RE STILL HERE?
I'M HIS PROTECTOR.
I THINK THE WORLD OF HIM!
YOU REALLY LOVE YOUR LITTLE BROTHER - DON'T YOU, YOSHIM?
AND HOW HE WOULD WEAR AN ESPECIALLY KIND EXPRESSION WHEN SPEAKING OF HIS YOUNGER BROTHER IN PARTICULAR
THE MORE I SPOKE WITH HIM, THE MORE I LEARNED WHAT AN OPEN FRANK BOY HE WAS...
FROM THAT DAY ON, HE CAME TO THE INFIRMARY QUITE OFTEN TO VISIT
BEDYING HIS INITIAL LONE WOLF IMAGE...

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I THINK YOU'RE CUTE
EVER SINCE I FIRST MET YOU -
I'VE WANTED TO HOLD YOU
H... OLD_?
Q-Q-Q-
MRGH
HEY DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD
THERE'S NOT EVEN 10 YEARS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US!
THWAP
QUIT TEASING AN ADULT!!!
WHAT?!
IT MEANS TWO GUYS BECOMING LOVERS
YUP.
AN ALL-BOYS' DORM. WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE WITH ANOTHER BOY -
BUT IT'S THE DORM -
HUH?
AT THE SEIRAN DORM BUILDING WHERE I'M THE CHIEF R.A. THERE'S AN OLD PREDICTION -
A STUPID ONE THAT SAYS THE CHIEF R.A. ALWAYS BECOMES ROMANTICALLY LINKED WITH ANYONE WHO SHARES HIS ROOM.
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN SUCH A PROPHECY. BUT...
IF THERE REALLY IS SUCH A THING I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE IT'S HANDIWORK, TOO
I COME HERE TO THE INFIRMARY EVERY DAY
SO IT MIGHT AS WELL BE MY ROOM.
IN OTHER WORDS -
THIS IS "OUR" ROOM. YOURS AND MINE
INFIRMARY

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?!
AT LEAST ALLOW ME TO KISS YOU
ALL RIGHT TEACH?
THEN YOU'D SAY "OKAY" ONCE I BECOME AN ADULT?
YEAH, YOU SEEM LIKE THE TYPE THAT'S A STICKLER FOR STUFF LIKE THAT.
SCANDALOUS, HUH
TH-!
THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN, RIGHT?
ANYWAY!
DON'T TALK STUPID!
SO "NO"?
OF COURSE!
BESIDES, IT'S NOT ALLOWED!
WITH A MINOR AND A STUDENT THAT WOULD BE SCANDALOUS!
THEN I'LL WAIT THREE YEARS
I'LL WAIT
BUT IN EXCHANGE...

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!!!
MY BROTHER HAS GOTTEN TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER GUY!
I -
I PROMISED I'D PROTECT HIM.
YOU REALLY LOVE YOUR LITTLE BROTHER SO MUCH, DON'T YOU, YOSHIMI?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
WHY?! AND WITH A GUY ?!
CALM DOWN - YO-SHIMI.
DAMN!
DAMN, DAMN, DAMN!!
IT'S DRAGGED ON EVER SINCE THEN, UP UNTIL THE PRESENT.
OVERCOME BY HIS INSISTENCE, I ENTERED INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.
BUT THE TIME MAY HAVE COME TO END IT.
LISTEN !!! KYO-SUKE - MY BROTHER - HE...!!!
YO-SHIMI
YOU MUST LEARN TO KNOCK FIRST AND OPEN DOORS MORE QUIETLY...
JUMP!
TEACH!!!
RATTLE!

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Grip
SHUT UP!
ONE SUMMER DAY -
I SAW HIS SMALL HUDDLED FORM... CRYING...
BUT ONE DAY -
AT FIRST, EVEN I WAS HESITANT TO CALL SOME BASTARD KID OF AN UNKNOWN WOMAN MY LITTLE BROTHER.
KYOSUKE WAS BORN AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD - SO EVEN WHEN WE TOOK HIM IN, THE FAMILY SCORNED HIM.
I DECIDED THAT WHEN I PARTED FROM MOMMY
I'VE GOT TO LEARN TO LIVE ALONE
IT DOESN'T HURT!
ONE OF OUR COUSINS BEAT YOU UP?
IT WAS MY FAULT!
I ACCEPTED HIM AS MY LITTLE BROTHER AND WISHED FOR HIS HAPPINESS EVER SINCE.
I WAS MOVED BEYOND WORDS BY HIS TRAGIC FACADE OF STRENGTH
AH - I KNEW IT
YOUR HAND -
LET ME GO -
YOSHIMI
BUT WHAT YOU DEFINE AS "HAPPINESS" -
AND HOW KYOSUKE-KUN SEES IT MAY BE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS
HE'S NO LONGER THE TRAGIC CHILD PUTTING UP A BOLD FRONT -
BESIDES, HE'S MATURED

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HUH?! WAIT A SECOND!
WHEN DID I EVER SAY YOU WERE A SUBSTITUTE FOR -
ALL YOU EVER TALK ABOUT IS YOUR BROTHER KYOSUKE!
AND ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HIM, AND ON AND ON!
I'VE HAD TO LISTEN TO IT!
...THEN I THINK WE SHOULD STOP THIS HOPELESS RELATIONSHIP RIGHT NOW.
IF I'M JUST A SUBSTITUTE FOR YOUR LITTLE BROTHER
I DON'T THINK I CAN TAKE MUCH MORE.
TEACH?
BECAUSE -
ARE YOU -
YOU'RE SERIOUS?!
I'VE NEVER HEARD ANY SUCH WORDS COME FROM YOUR LIPS.
YOU AND I HAVE NEVER HAD A FORMAL RELATIONSHIP TO "BREAK UP" FROM
"BREAK UP"—
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
YOU WANT TO BREAK UP WITH ME?! IS THAT IT?!
I HAD JUST BEEN PRETENDING NOT TO NOTICE
BUT NO MATTER WHERE OR WHEN -
YOU'RE UPSET BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE HAS TAKEN HIM AWAY FROM YOU
YOU'RE NOT UPSET BECAUSE KYOSUKE-KUN GOT TOGETHER WITH A BOY -
HEY YOSHIMI -
I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME WE SEPARATED
I USED TO TAKE KYOSUKE UP TO THE MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS TO PLAY ALL THE TIME
THE REAL TARGET OF YOSHIMI'S AFFECTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN -
YOU KINDA REMIND ME OF MY LITTLE BRO TEACH!
HE ALWAYS USED TO / SMILE WHEN HE WAS WITH ME
KYOSUKE IS SO CUTE
KYOSUKE IS ALWAYS -
KYOSUKE IS
KYOSUKE -

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KNOWING YOSHIMI'S HEART WAS WITH SOMEONE ELSE
THIS WAS FOR THE BEST
I COULDN'T CONTINUE ON WITH THIS RELATIONSHIP
BUT MY CHEST -
- MY HEART -
- IT HURTS.
BECAUSE I REALLY AM IN LOVE WITH YOSHIMI -
OH -
NO, I'M FINE.
SORRY FOR SPACING OUT LIKE THAT
YOU'RE LOOKING PALE
YOSHIMI'S LITTLE BROTHER
TEACHER -
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HUH
!
IS THAT HOW YOU'VE THOUGHT OF ME?!
AS SOMEONE WHO'D USE YOU AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR MY LITTLE BROTHER?!
YES
MRGH!
IT'S INSULTING TO BE HELD IN YOUR ARMS AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR SOMEONE ELSE
IT'S UNBEARABLE
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO END IT WITH YOU
BAM
DON'T TAKE ME FOR A FOOL.

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A HOLD-UP?
OH... THIS MUST BE ONE OF THOSE "OYAJI" HUNTS"...
*"Oyaji" means "old (middle-aged) man". "Oyaji-gari" is the mugging of older businessmen by younger thugs, who see them as easy prey
LOOK WHAT WE GOT HERE - A DRUNK
HEY YOU - YOU GOT MONEY?
どよーーん
DOOOOM
I DON'T THINK I RESEMBLE HIM AT ALL, BUT...
YOU KINDA REMIND ME OF MY LITTLE BRO.
TEACHER, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT?!
SIGH
I DRANK TOO MUCH
I FEEL SICK
MORNING! MY BROW IN BOOZE NIR A BROKEN-UP AFFAIR SAD
AOBA PARK #2
HAHA HA
HAHA
MY LOVE AFFAIR BREAKS UP - I'M DRUNK -
AND NOW I'M BEING ROMBED. WHAT A FARCE!
CREEPY
HA.
HUH? THIS GUY'S LAUGHING!
I'M TELLING YOU TO GIVE US YOUR MONEY!
SHAKE
CHECK INSIDE HIS CASE!
IN YOUR POCKETS?!
WHERE'S YOUR MONEY?!
OR DO YOU WANT US TO TAKE IT BY FORCE?!
H.
I JUST DON'T CARE ANYMORE
JAK

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...AND YET, NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME PASSES, YOU STILL ONLY SEE ME AS A STUDENT!
YOU ACCEPT ME, BUT ONLY LIKE AN ADULT WHO IS INDULGING A CHILD'S WHIM!
Y-
YOSHI-MI...?
EVEN AFTER I GRADUATED AND OUR RELATIONSHIP GREW DISTANT, I TRIED TO SEE YOU AS MUCH AS I COULD...
I KNEW YOU WERE CONCERNED ABOUT ME BEING A MINOR AND STUFF LIKE THAT, SO I HELD BACK.
SFT
YOU BELONG TO ME!!!
HEY
STOP! YOU AND I ARE NO LONGER -
CHUK
YOSHI-MI -
WHAT ARE YOU D-
WH-
-OA!
BOOF!
I WAITED THREE WHOLE YEARS TO GET YOU -
THAT'S RIGHT, I WAITED!
BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL, THERE WERE MANY TIMES I JUST WANTED TO PUSH YOU DOWN ON THE INFIRMARY BED AND HAVE YOU RIGHT THERE!
WHEN ACTUALLY
BUT I HELD BACK!
BECAUSE I WANTED TO TREAT YOU RIGHT!
WHA-
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY -
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING YOU GO!
B-, BUT -
WHAT ABOUT KYOSUKE-KUN?
KYOSUKE IS MY BROTHER
IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT I WORRY AND CARE FOR HIM, ISN'T IT?

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SO HE'S JUST A DOTING BIG BROTHER, HUH ?
I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO MAKE HIM BREAK UP WITH THAT GUY!
BUT THE THING ABOUT KYOSUKE IS A DIFFERENT STORY!
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SMILE SMILE
I CAN'T HELP IT...
HE'S A FERVENT, PASSIONATE JOCK WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM.
A GUY WITH A STRAIGHT-FORWARD PERSONALITY. HE ALWAYS GIVES 100% TO WHATEVER HE DOES.
AT TIMES HIS AGGRESSIVE CAN DO, YOUTHFUL ATTITUDE IS ANNOYING
SOB!
YOU'RE SO OBSESSIVE
I'M OKAY DURING SCHOOL WHEN I'M STUDYING OR PLAYING BASEBALL...
...BUT WHENEVER I HAVE FREE TIME LIKE THIS I START THINKING ABOUT YOSHIAKI AND
どよよよよよよ
DOOOOM.
...
...
MY ROOMMATE, TAKAYASU KAGA,
WAS REJECTED AFTER CONFESSING HIS LOVE TO HIS CRUSH
HOW MANY DAYS HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOSHIAKI TURNED YOU DOWN?
I KNOW... BUT...
WILL YOU QUIT BEING SO GLOOMY ALREADY?
IT'S DEPRESSING
はあ
SIGH -
BUT...
COME ON -
HE GOES AGAINST ALL MY PRINCIPLES, SINCE MY MOTTO IS TO "DO EVERYTHING WITH ELEGANCE."
oh Boy

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WOW, I CAN'T BELIEVE I GET TO BE YOUR ROOMMATE, KAGA-KUN!
I MUST HAVE REALLY GOOD LUCK!
- SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER -
IT'S SO STRANGE
THIS ISN'T HOW IT WAS SUPPOSED TO TURN OUT
206
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT'S WRONG?
NICE TO BE ROOMIES WITH YOU FOR THE NEXT YEAR -
KAGA-KUN!
CHEER UP.
I ALSO FOUND MYSELF IN LOVE WITH HIM.
AFTER BEING AROUND SOMEONE LIKE HIM FOR A WHILE,
NOT ONLY DID I COME TO SEE HIM AS A FRIEND -
TACKLE
WHOA!
SUZUKI-I
YOU'RE A GOOD GUY!
OWWH!
SIGH.
AND TRYING TO MEND HIS BROKEN HEART
YET HERE I AM, SUPPORTING HIS FEELINGS FOR SOMEONE ELSE -

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I'M GONNA MAKE MY MOVE BEFORE THE CHIEF R.A. GETS HIS HANDS ON HIM!
TOMORROW -
I'M GONNA CONFESS TO YOSHIMI!
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PREDICTION, RIGHT?
THE ONE THAT SAYS THE SENIOR STUDENT WHO IS CHIEF R.A. OF SEIRAN DORMITORY ALWAYS BECOMES ROMANTICALLY INVOLVED WITH HIS ROOMMATE
THAT MEANS YOSHIMI AND THE CHIEF R.A. -!
THIS IS A DISASTER!
YOSHIMI HAS BECOME ROOMMATES WITH THE CHIEF R.A.
WHY IS THAT A DISASTER?
I'M...
GONNA CONFESS MY FEELINGS TO HIM.
...KABA-KUN.
I DON'T TELL ME YOU BELIEVE IN THAT SORT OF THING?
BUT IT'S NOT ALTOGETHER IMPOSSIBLE, EITHER!
I COULDN'T TAKE THAT
AT THAT MOMENT, I ALREADY PREDICTED THERE WAS A 0.01% CHANCE KABA-KUN WOULD BE TURNING DOWN.
I SEE
GOOD LUCK TO YOU.
DANG

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...IT WAS NO GOOD!
HE DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME
THICK
HOW'D IT GO?
YOUR CONFESSION...
I'VE...
BEEN REJECTED!
KA-A-A-A

BUT I STILL DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO GET OVER YOSHIMI FOR AWHILE.
GOOD
OOH I EARNED SOME POINTS! ♪
I'M GLAD I COULD TALK TO YOU ABOUT THIS
NO YOU'RE NOT
THANKS
HAHA. I AM SUCH A PATHETIC LOSER.
SNIFF
...WHAT?
YOU'RE STILL GOING TO TRY?!
I HADN'T PREDICTED THAT—
O, OH? W-WELL, GOOD LUCK!
THANKS FEEL BETTER NOW
I'M GOING TO KEEP AFTER HIM FOR A BIT LONGER!
AFTER ALL TENACITY AND DOGGEDNESS ARE MY ONLY STRONG POINTS!
SUZUKI
THIS IS THE CRUCIAL MOMENT
KAGA-KUN...
JUST AS I PREDICTED...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY
BUT PLEASE DON'T CRY - I'M HERE FOR YOU. CHEER UP...
LET'S GO OUT AND DO SOME BINGE-EATING THIS WEEKEND!
WE'LL GO OUT AND STUFF OUR FACES WITH YOUR FAVORITE - TAKOYAKI!
COME ON WIPE YOUR TEARS
SOB...!
SUZUKI!

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OH!
WAIT -
I LOVE YOU!
DON'T
GRAB!
SUZUKI!
I NEVER REALIZED HOW ATTRACTIVE YOU ARE - HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO STUPID?!
KAGA-KUN...!
GLANCE
THAT'S HOW IT WAS SUPPOSED TO GO
BUT IT'S JUST NOT WORKING OUT...!
TCH
THIS IS SO STRANGE - ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, MY CARING, SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE,
WAS SUPPOSED TO DRIVE KAGA-KUN INTO MY ARMS...
EVEN AFTER A DOUBLE-BLOW LIKE THAT HE STILL WON'T GIVE YOSHIMI-KUN UP... IT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY ADMIRABLE
AFTER KAGA-KUN'S REJECTION THERE WAS THE CHIEF R A S DECLARATION OF "YOSHIMI-KUN IS MINE!"
...
HUH?
WHAT?
OKAY
I'LL BE THERE LATER. YOU GO ON AHEAD
WHAT'S THIS?
CRINKLE
HM?

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"IF YOU WOULD TAKE PITY ON SUCH A PERSON AS ME, PLEASE MEET ME AFTER SCHOOL ON THE 18TH, IN THE POEM'S INNER COURTYARD."
"I WOULD DEARLY LOVE TO SPEAK WITH YOU."
"S.S."
"I LOVE YOU."
HUH?
"BEFORE I REALIZED IT I FOUND MYSELF ALWAYS LOOKING AT YOU..."
WAIT - IS THIS ?
"...LOOKING AT YOU. FOLLOWING YOU WITH MY EYES
THINKING OF YOU SO MUCH THAT I CAN'T EVEN SLEEP AT NIGHT."
A LOVE LETTER?
WHAT IS IT, KAGA-KUN? ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THIS LETTER?
NO - NOT AT ALL!
I

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"S" SASAKI SATO...
OH!
SEGAWA, MAYBE?
BUT I WONDER WHO "S.S." IS?
CLATTER!
TOMORROW AFTER SCHOOL, HUH...?
NEH, I'M NOT GOING
TOO MUCH BOTHER
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
KAGA-KUN...
DON'T IGNORE HIM LIKE THAT!
EVEN IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO TURN HIM DOWN, AT LEAST HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY!
CONSIDER HIS FEELINGS!
THINK OF HOW HE MUST'VE FELT AS HE WAS WRITING THAT...
...AND PUTTING THAT IN YOUR DESK!
HAHAHA
NO, BUT...
I STAND OUT BEING SO CUTE AND ALL, SO MAYBE -
HA HA HA
DO YOU HAVE ANY DEALINGS WITH HIM?
SEGAWA-KUN...
THE ONE FROM CLASS 4, ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM?
じぃ...
STARE
SORRY FOR YELLING LIKE THAT
IT'S OKAY
SHOCKER

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SEGAWA SEEMS LIKE THE AGGRESSIVE TYPE, SO BE CAREFUL
YOU'RE WARNING ME TO BE CAREFUL BUT STILL WANT ME TO GO SEE HIM?
UHH
IF HE TRIES ANYTHING ON YOU, MAKE SURE TO RUN!
WE'LL BE IN A PUBLIC PLACE, WHAT DO YOU THINK HE'S GOING TO DO?
UH!
NO IT'S TRUE - YOU ARE CUTE!
UHH, THAT'S WHERE YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO CHIME IN, "CUTE?! ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!"
OH!
UH - WELL -
HUH?
I SEE.
WH- WHAT IS IT?!
IT'S KINDA NICE
SO YOU ARE CONCERNED FOR ME AT LEAST A LITTLE?
OF COURSE!

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I'M SORRY FOR EVERY-THING SUZUKI!
I'VE FINALLY REALIZED MY TRUE FEELINGS FOR YOU -
KAGA-KUN ?!
THAT DAMNED SEGAWA
MESS WITH MY SUZUKI?!
I WON'T FORGIVE HIM!
YOUR CLOTHES!
IT CAN'T BE...?!
HE SEEMS TO BE AT LEAST A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT ME BUT...
I SUPPOSE IT'S JUST AS "A FRIEND"
"AFTER SCHOOL" - WHAT A VAGUE WAY TO ARRANGE A MEETING
BE CAREFUL, SUZUKI!
NAH HOW COULD I AT THIS POINT?!
UGH WHAT IF I JUST GO AHEAD AND TELL HIM HOW I FEEL...?!
GRRRGH -
...WHAT IF?! WOULDN'T THAT BE A GREAT TURN OF EVENTS?!
I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE...
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
TOUCHING MY SUZUKI!
WHAT HAPPENED, SUZUKI?!
?!
KAGA-KUN!
WAAA!
BAM
...MAYBE... I COULD USE THIS INCIDENT WITH SEGAWA KUN

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MEN ARE ALL WOLVES -
SO YOU'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL.
YOU'RE CUTE.
AND I WAS WORRIED SEGAWA MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO CONTROL HIMSELF
I'M...
I'M SO COOOLD
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?!
UH, WELL...
ACHOO!
KAGA-KUN!
IF WORSE CAME TO WORST, I'D KICK HIM IN THE NADS AND MAKE MY GETAWAY
I'D CRUSH IT--!
HAHA.
I'M A MAN, TOO! I'M NOT JUST GOING TO STAND THERE AND BE VICTIMIZED!
BUT STILL,
...AS YOUR FRIEND, I WORRY - YOU KNOW?
I WAS WORRIED
WHAT WERE YOU DOING THERE ANYWAY?
HUNKERED IN THE SHADE IN SUCH FLIMSY CLOTHING FOR SO LONG - OF COURSE YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!
ARE YOU STUPID?

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THANKS
I FEEL WARM ALREADY
HURRY UP AND GO TO SLEEP SO YOU'LL GET BETTER!
HE'S A NICE GUY
HE WAS WORRIED FOR ME.
IT MAKES ME FEEL GUILTY - TO THINK IT WAS MY FAULT FOR YOUR BEING SICK.
THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE NOW - WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?
YOU CAN STICK CLOSER TO ME.
I'LL ACT AS YOUR HOT-WATER BOTTLE UNTIL YOU FALL ASLEEP
I WANT TO CRY
IT'S BETTER THAN CONFESSING AND MAKING THINGS AWKWARD BETWEEN US.
I'M HAPPY - BUT ALSO SAD
AND YET -
"FRIEND."
SUZUKI?
SUZUKI!!
ROLL
GRAB
MOVE OVER!
WHAT?!

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JUST FELL ASLEEP AFTER THAT
YEAH -
I FEEL GREAT!
...YOU REALLY GOT OVER YOUR COLD IN JUST ONE DAY?
AHH!
ANOTHER NICE DAY!
"WHEN HE WAKES UP."
I CAN'T STAY DEPRESSED FOREVER!
I'M GONNA TRY MY BEST!
I KNOW THIS IS SUDDEN, BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU -
HEY, KAGA-KUN.
I...
I LOVE YOU!!

...I LOVE YOU.
ARE YOU ASLEEP ALREADY?
KAGA-KUN?
WHEN HE WAKES UP I SHOULD HONESTLY TELL HIM MY FEELINGS.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR TRICKS AND TRAPS WITH A STRAIGHT-FORWARD GUY LIKE HIM.
I'LL TELL HIM I LOVE HIM.
THANK YOU...
...FOR BEING SO CONCERNED ABOUT ME

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I KNOW THAT ALREADY!
I LOVE YOU, TOO WE'RE BEST FRIENDS!
NO, THAT'S NOT -
THE PERSON I HAVE A CRUSH ON -
...IS AN OBTUSE, IMPERVIOUS DUNCE
COME ON - HURRY UP AND GET READY OR WE'LL BE LATE FOR CLASS
THAT'S NOT HOW I MEAN IT!
WHAT I'M MEANING TO SAY IS -
SUZUKI ?
?!
...?!
...!
...BUT THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT HIM.
YOUNG LOVE RHAPSODY / END

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IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT
TWINKY
—WHY ARE WE PLAYING CARDS, KIHARA?
OVER A GAME OF CARDS...?
WELL, I THINK WE'RE STILL LACKING COMMUNICATION.
WE SHOULD GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER, YOSHIMI-KUN
I KNOW--
WHAT IF THE LOSER HAS TO TAKE OFF A PIECE OF CLOTHING EACH TIME?
IS "OLD MAID" OKAY?
AND WHY DON'T WE BET SOME-THING?
WHAT?!
D JUMP?

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AWKWARD-NESS...? DID KAGA DO SOMETHING?
NOTHING. I JUST WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM THE AWKWARD-NESS IN MY ROOM
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?
HUH?
NO, IT'S MORE LIKE I DID SOMETHING.
OH, BUT FEEL FREE TO GO AHEAD AND SMOOCH OR NECK OR WHATEVER IN FRONT OF ME. I WON'T MIND.
...BUT WITHOUT THOSE "LOSER" RULES APPLYING TO ME, OF COURSE.
STT

TH-
THE SECRET IS ONE THING BUT A KISS - ?
JUST A JOKE! OKAY, WHAT IF THE LOSER HAS TO TELL A SECRET ABOUT HIMSELF PLUS A KISS ON THE LIPS?
GRIN

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WHAT ARE YOU APOLOGIZING FOR?
I'M SORRY
IT'S ALL THAT IDIOT'S FAULT -- FOR BEING SUCH AN IDIOT!
OH, HE'S NOT READY AT ALL - HE'S STILL SIGHING "YOSHIMI" TO THIS DAY
WELL, I SUPPOSE IT'S NO SURPRISE - HE'S BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOSHIMI UNTIL VERY RECENTLY
MAYBE HE JUST ISN'T READY TO SWITCH THE FOCUS OF HIS AFFECTION YET
ARE YOU REGRETTING HAVING CONFESSED?
IT'S SO UNCOMFORTABLE IN THE ROOM WHEN WE'RE ALONE TOGETHER...
THE ATMOSPHERE IN THERE IS JUST SO AWKWARD AND HEAVY
FINALLY, I COULDN'T STAND IT ANYMORE AND RAN OUT!
EVER SINCE I CONFESSED TO HIM, IT SEEMS LIKE KAGA-KUN IS OVERLY SELF-CONSCIOUS AROUND ME
HMM
I THINK I FEEL BETTER NOW THAT IT'S OFF MY CHEST
B-BUT - !
DON'T SHOUT OR SOMEONE WILL COME TO COMPLAIN.
SUZUKI-KUN - YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH KAGA-KUN?
IT'S NEWS TO ME!
WHAAAAT?!
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SO YOU CONFESSED - THEN WHAT HAPPENED?
WHAT HAPPENED ?
I'M SO SORRY, SUZUKI...
HE SEEMED SHOCKED AND CONFUSED
HE SAID HE'D ONLY EVER CONSIDERED ME AS A FRIEND AND LOOKED LIKE HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

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TELL HIM I'M NOT HERE!
STARE
CHIEF R.A.!
KNOCK
YEAH -
SUZUKI-KUN'S HERE
KIHARA-?
ACK!
BUT ARE YOU STILL AWAKE, YOSHIMI?
I WAS WONDERING IF SUZUKI'S THERE
IT'S ME, KAGA -
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU AT THIS HOUR...
I KNEW IT! YOU'RE HERE!
JUMP!
PLAYING CARDS AGAIN -?
SNEAK
COULD YOU USE YOUR AUTHORITY AS CHIEF R.A -
AND HAVE ME MOVED TO ANOTHER ROOM?
I CAN'T SAY IT'S PLEASANT TO HAVE ESSENTIALLY SELF-DE-STRUCTED
BUT I GUESSED IT WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS SO I'M FINE
AND ON THAT POINT, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU, KIHARA -
IS THAT WHAT YOU REALLY WANT?
I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE
KNOCK KNOCK

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?!
GRIT
GRAB
HUH?
I DON'T WANT TO
YOU'RE INTRUDING ON THESE TWO - YOU DON'T WANT TO BE A BOTHER DO YOU ?
I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK!
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU!
LET'S GO BACK TO OUR ROOM.

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バラッ
HUH?
OHHH -
I LOSE!
FINISH
GLANCE
I'LL BE TAKING HIM HOME NOW.
H-
HEY!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, KAGA?!
PUT ME DOWN!!!
CHIEF R.A. YOSHIMI.
SORRY FOR THE FUSS
WELL, THEN.
GOOD-NIGHT!
IT'S JUST THAT THEY MAKE ME LOOK SMARTER.
AND PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY PRETTY SWAYED BY OUTER APPEARANCES.
MY SECRET
IS THESE GLASSES!
BUT THE GAME ISN'T OVER -
SO THAT'S WHY I WEAR THEM
IN OTHER WORDS, I GUESS I'M A FAN OF GLASSES
THEY ACTUALLY DON'T HAVE ANY PRESCRIPTION AT ALL
YEAH -
I HAVE NOTHING TO BASE THIS ON, BUT DO YOU GET THE FEELING THAT THOSE TWO ARE GOING TO HIT IT OFF?
PUT ME DOWWWN!
HEY - DON'T STRUGGLE
WHOA!
THUNK
PUT ME DOWN!

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JUST A LITTLE AT A TIME, WE'LL GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER, TOUCH EACH OTHER...
I THINK THAT'S THE BEST WAY FOR US
BUT YOU'RE PRECIOUS TO ME SO I WON'T RUSH THINGS
LET'S TAKE IT SLOW
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THUNK
THIS IS FAR ENOUGH!
PUT ME DOWN, KAGA-KUN!
HAVING YOU AS A FRIEND - I LIKE IT, YOU KNOW?
SO TO HAVE US GROW DISTANT OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS - IT'S SUCH A WASTE - IT'S NOT WORTH IT
...DO YOU HAVE TO HAVE AN ANSWER IMMEDIATELY?
YOSHIMI-KUN.
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
I DON'T KNOW...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS SO CALM, EVEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
I'M NOT CALM
WHENEVER I TOUCH YOU, I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO LOSE MY SANITY
HUFF...

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BOUF!
UHHH...
SORRY, YOSHIMI - I KNOW THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER IN A WHILE BUT— — I'M JUST SO SLEEPY
THAT'S YOUR REASON?!
I WAS WATCHING THAT AND DIDN'T GET ANY SLEEP
YOU KNOW NOW THEY WERE SHOWING "24 MINUTES" LATE AT NIGHT UNTIL YESTERDAY?
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU THAT BUSY AT WORK?
SNAP!
WAKE UP!
I CAN'T
SNOOZE
UHHH
HEY WAKE UP!
PLAY WITH ME!
NO—
I WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT SERIOUSLY BEFORE I GIVE YOU AN ANSWER!
IF YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF ACCEPTING MY FEELINGS ANYWAY I'D RATHER YOU JUST REJECTED ME NOW AND GET IT OVER WITH
I DON'T MIND WAITING, BUT—
BUT I JUST NEED SOME TIME. CAN YOU WAIT?
I PROMISE I'LL CONSIDER YOUR FEELINGS -
KAGA-KUN...!
THAT'S WHY I DON'T WANT TO GIVE YOU A CASUAL ANSWER!
YOU'RE A PRECIOUS PERSON TO ME -
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YUKINO-CHAN...
MUMBLE
OKAY
LET'S JUST CONSIDER THINGS ON-HOLD FOR NOW
THANKS SUZUKI!
YOU REALLY ARE A GOOD GUY!
I LOVE YA!
NEVER-MIND -
JUST HURRY AND PUT ME DOWN!
AAAH!
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JUST BEING ABLE TO SEE YOU.
THEN LOOK AT ME MORE
...IS ENOUGH FOR ME, AND YET - !
YOU'RE SO CUTE WHEN YOU'RE JEALOUS
DUMMY! DON'T CHANGE THE SUB-JECT
I'M BEING SERIOUS!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, YOSHIKI? STOP THINKING ABOUT KYOSUKE-KUN SO MUCH...
AND LOOK ONLY AT ME!
I LIKE TO THINK THAT I'M VERY OBJECTIVE WHEN IT COMES TO JUDGING OTHER PEOPLE.
YOU'RE THE MOST OPINIONATED PERSON I KNOW!
I DON'T THINK THERE'S A PERSON ALIVE WHO CAN WITHSTAND YOUR SCRUTINY...
I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE ABOUT THE GUY HE'S CHOSEN
AS LONG AS KYOSUKE IS HAPPY THAT'S ALL I WANT
DON'T WORRY.
YOSHI
...MI...
TEACH.
DON'T LOOK
YOU'RE TERRIBLE - I ASKED YOU NOT TO COME INSIDE ME...
SNIFFLE
YOU SHOULD SEE YOURSELF - DOWN HERE.
OH...!
IT'S OVER-FLOWING WITH MY STUFF
IT'S PUNISH-MENT FOR NOT LOVING ME ENOUGH
SNIFF
MEANY

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YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FOR ME, HAJIME
I TRUST ME.
OKAY!
TOO BAD.
OKAY, I TRUST YOU! SO NO MORE FOR TONIGHT -
I CAN'T!
NN! ♡
IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT / END

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"THE "USE A MAGNIFYING GLASS TO READ" AFTERWORD

HELLO I'M YUKO KAWABARA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THIS BOOK IN HAND!

THIS TIME AROUND IT'S A SCHOOL STORY AN ALL-BOYS SCHOOL SET IN A DORMITORY FULL OF UPPER CLASS RICH BOYS. WHAT A DREAMY UNKNOWN FRONTIER !!! I STEPPED IN MY OWN FANTASIES I WAS ABLE TO ENJOY WORKING ON THIS STORY VERY MUCH. AS FOR IMAGE, IF KIHARA IS A PRINCE THEN THE OLDER YOSHIMI IS A KING. THE KIND LAID BACK KIHARA VERSUS THE FORCEFUL ASSERTIVE OLDER BROTHER YOSHIMI. WHICH TYPE DO YOU PREFER? I PREFER THE OLDER BROTHER. I WANT HIM TO TAKE EVERYTHING FROM ME WITH HIS LON- -SHACKS- -KOFFS- -SAVERS-

IT WOULD MAKE ME VERY HAPPY IF YOU ENJOYED THIS BOOK EVEN JUST A LITTLE BIT. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS, I'D WELCOME THEM! I'M ACCEPTING ANY AND ALL OPINIONS. PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE EDITOR'S OFFICE.

WELL THEN - I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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